SURVEY OF EPHESIANS: RICHES THAT MONEY CAN'T BUY

Central Truth: God, in Christ, has given us riches that money can't buy.

Challenge: To recognize those riches and spend them to His glory and our good.

DON'T BE A SPIRITUAL PAUPER!!!!

I. FINDING THE RICHES THAT MONEY CAN'T BUY (Chapters 1-3)
II. SPENDING THE RICHES THAT MONEY CAN'T BUY (Chapter 4-6)

Question: How/Where do we find the riches that money can't buy?

1. By looking up! (1:3)
   a. In Christ we find every spiritual blessing.
   b. In Christ we find our inheritance. (1:11)
   c. In Christ God finds his inheritance. (1:18)
   d. In Christ we discover that God is fully invested in us. (1:22-23)
2. By looking back! (2:1-2)
   a. Recognizing the poverty from which we have been delivered.
   b. Recognizing the riches that rescued us from that impoverished life. (2:4)
   c. Recognizing where we find ourselves now. (2:5-6)
3. By looking near! (2:13-14)
   a. Riches are found in a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. (2:13)
   b. Riches are found in relationships with people who were once enemies. (2:14)
      1. We are citizens of the same nation. (2:19)
      2. We are members of the same family. 2:19)
4. By looking in. (3:16)
   a. This inner strength is possible through faith. (3:17)
   b. This inner strength is possible through the love of Christ. (3:18-19)

Question: How/Where do we spend the riches that money can't buy?

I. On each other. (4:1-3)
   A. Resulting in unity. (4:13)
   B. Resulting in Christian maturity, or Christlikeness. (4:13)

II. On new things. (4:24-32)
   A. Truthfulness (4:25)
   B. Godly anger (4:26)
   C. Honest work (4:28)
   D. Giving to others (4:28)
   E. Encouraging words (4:29)
   F. Kindness (4:32)
   G. Forgiveness (4:32)

III. On Time (5:16)
   A. Why we spend our riches on time. (5:16)
   B. How we spend our riches on time. (5:17-20)
      1. By understanding God's will. (5:17)
      2. By worshiping together. (5:19)
      3. By giving thanks at all times. (5:20)
      4. By submitting to one another. (5:20)

IV. On our marriages and families. (5:22-6:1)
   A. Wives, submit to your husbands (5:22)
   B. Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the church. (5:25)
   C. Children, obey your parents. (6:1)
   D. Fathers, do not provoke your children. (6:4)

V. At the work place. (6:5-9)
   A. Work as if God were your boss. (6:7)
   B. Supervise as if God were your boss. (6:9)

VI. On Spiritual Warfare (6:10-18)
   A. Recognize the source of your strength. (6:10)
   B. Put on the *whole* armor of *God.* (6:11)
   C. Learn *where* and *how* to engage the enemy. (6:12)
   D. Don't forget the air support. (6:18)
   E. Watch each other's backs. (6:18)